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Letter dated 9 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 6-8 December 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Churkin**

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Annex to the letter dated 9 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (6 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, six ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas in Ladhiqiyah governorate (2), Damascus governorate (2) and Homs governorate (2).

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,032.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Shaykh in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 88.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 36 reports of shelling by armed groups in Aleppo governorate (19), Damascus governorate (16) and Qunaytirah governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed elements affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar (twice), Qabun and Qassa'.

In Aleppo governorate, armed elements of Ahrar al-Sham used mortars to shell the Salihin neighbourhood in Aleppo city. Armed elements of the Free Syrian Army shelled the Ayn Safy Dawlah neighbourhood in Aleppo city.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple-launch rocket systems, mortars, handheld anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on Ansari and also on the Binyamin (twice), Layramun, Aqil (twice), Karm al-Nahhas, Turbat Lala, Tariq al-Bab, Dahiyat al-Assad, Karm al-Qatirji and Ashrafiyah neighbourhoods, the Assad Military Academy, areas near the paperboard factory and gasworks, the electric power plant in Shaykh Sa'd and the Castello trade centre in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, terrorists shelled Hawsh Kharabu, Irbin (twice), Hawsh Nasri, Jawbar (three times), Bala al-Qadimah (twice), Mazra'at Mahmud, the Wafidin camp and the highway near Harasta.

In Qunaytirah governorate, terrorists shelled Hadar.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 3 tons to the Hananu-3 district in Aleppo city
- Approximately 2 tons to the Shaykh Maqsud district in Aleppo city
- Approximately 1 ton to the State district hospital in Masyaf, Hama governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Additional information

Over the past 24 hours, 302 citizens have left besieged areas of the eastern part of Aleppo city with the assistance of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides. Also over the past 24 hours, more than 1,100 civilians have returned to their apartments in eastern neighbourhoods of Aleppo liberated from fighters.

In accordance with the decision announced by the President of Syria, 10 fighters who laid down their weapons have been granted amnesty.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (7 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire regime agreement has been signed with a populated area in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,033.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of armed groups in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

Over the past 24 hours, six ceasefire application forms have been signed with the leaders of armed groups. The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire has increased to 94.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 43 reports of shelling by armed groups in Aleppo governorate (21), Damascus governorate (20), Ladhiqiyah governorate (1) and Hama governorate (1).

In Damascus governorate, armed elements affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar, Madaya, Qabun, Hawsh Kharabu and Qassa'.

In Ladhiqiyah governorate, armed elements of Ahrar al-Sham used mortars to shell Ikku.

Armed elements of the Syrian Free Army shelled the Fayd neighbourhood in Aleppo city.

In Aleppo governorate, the terrorist groups Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) used multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars, handheld anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on the Aqil, Shi'ar, Amri, Aryan, Ashrafiyah, Binyamin, Dahiyat al-Assad, Jam'iyat al-Zahra', Karm al-Qatirji, Karm al-Nahhas, Turbat Lala, Tariq al-Bab, Hilwaniyah and Shaykh Sa'd neighbourhoods, the Castello trade centre, the Assad Military Academy, the area near the watermelon market and the electrical substation in the Shaykh Sa'd district in Aleppo city.

In Damascus governorate, terrorists shelled Irbin, Bala al-Qadimah, Hawsh Nasri and Hawsh Kharabu, the Wafidin camp and the Ibn al-Walid Hospital in Duma, a sports ground in Jawbar and a transport junction in Qabun.

In Hama governorate, terrorists shelled Suran.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours four humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 1 ton to Rus and Falasqu in Ladhiqiyah governorate
- Approximately 1 ton to Qarayin in Suwayda' governorate
- Approximately 2.5 tons to the Shaykh Maqsud district in Aleppo city
- Approximately 1 ton to the Nayrab district in Aleppo city

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (8 December 2016)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, four ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas in Ladhiqiyah and Damascus governorates.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,037.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with field commanders of armed groups in Mu'addamiyat al-Shaykh in Damascus governorate and armed opposition units in Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 94.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Over the past 24 hours, there were 36 reports of shelling by illegal armed groups in Aleppo governorate (17), Damascus governorate (15), Ladhiqiyah governorate (2) and Hama governorate (2).

In Damascus governorate, armed elements affiliated with the Army of Islam opposition group used mortars and small arms to fire on Jawbar (twice), Qabun, Qassa', Hawsh Kharabu and Bala al-Jadidah.

Armed elements of Ahrar al-Sham used multiple-launch rocket systems and mortars to fire on the Bayadah neighbourhood in Aleppo governorate and on Ikku and Bishrah in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

In Aleppo city, units of the terrorist group Jabhat Fath al-Sham (Nusrah Front) used multiple-launch rocket systems, tube artillery, mortars, handheld anti-tank grenade launchers and small arms to fire on the Jam'iyat al-Zahra', 1070, Turbat Lala (twice), Aqil, Amri, Shaykh Sa'd (twice), Shi'ar, Salihin, Layramun, Ramusah and Binyamin neighbourhoods, the Assad Military Academy and areas near the gasworks and the former military school.

In Damascus governorate, the following were shelled: Hawsh Kharabu, Irbin, Hawsh Nasri (three times), Harasta, Bala al-Qadimah, an electric power station in Jawbar and a transport junction in Qabun.

In Hama governorate, terrorists shelled Suran and the thermal electric power station in Muhradah.

The Russian and Syrian air forces did not carry out any strikes against opposition armed groups which had announced that they would cease hostilities and had informed the Russian or American reconciliation centres of their location.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours three humanitarian operations were carried out, during which the following humanitarian cargoes were delivered to civilians:

- Approximately 1 ton to the national district hospital of Hama city
- Approximately 1 ton to the Ramusah district of Aleppo city
- Approximately 4 tons to the Jibrin temporary accommodation facility in Aleppo governorate

Centres providing hot meals and supplying urgent necessities are continuing to operate for civilians who leave districts of Aleppo city that are under the control of illegal armed groups.